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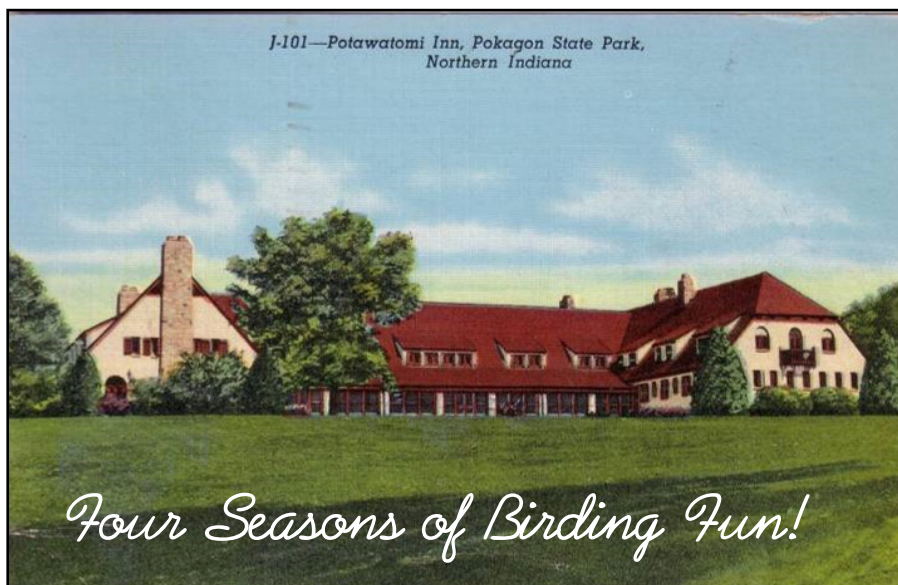


Blue-headed Vireo by John Cassady

Pokagon State Park

September 30-October 2, 2011

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Join us for a fun filled weekend of birding excitement amongst the northern lakes and wetlands of northeast Indiana. The historic Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park serves as a perfect backdrop for early fall birding in "101 Lake Country."

This is a perfect opportunity to network with other birders, enjoy programs from some of Indiana's (and other states!) top birders, or simply relax in one of Indiana's oldest state parks. If you're from out of state, we'll be conveniently located near Michigan and Ohio. Whether the big lister or the casual bird watcher, we have something for all!



Location!

The 2011 Indiana Audubon Society Fall Festival is being held at the Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park, located near Angola, IN. The street address is 450 Lane 100 Lake James, Angola, IN 46703 for those with a handy car GPS!

If you need more information about location, please check out the DNR website at www.dnr.in.gov.



Accommodations!

Established in 1927, the Potawatomi Inn has been a signature icon along the shores of Lake James at Pokagon State Park. The inn has been a site of many Indiana Audubon functions through the years. Indiana Audubon's first event at Pokagon took place in 1950.



The Potawatomi Inn allows birders to experience nature at its finest, while enjoying restful comfort with its spacious guest rooms and banquet facilities. IAS members can use group code 1001AS to claim one of the held rooms for as low as \$85.00/night. To make reservations, visit www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2435.htm or call 1-877-LODGES1.



Schedule of Events

All Times Eastern Daylight Time



Friday, September 30

- 530PM-8PM** Registration Open (Inn Main Lobby)
6PM-7PM IAS Board Meeting (Crooked Lake Rm)
7PM-8PM Nature Theatre with Foster Brown and Mark Szabo! (Crooked Lake Rm)

Foster and Mark have entertained countless naturalists with their friendly and high quality ballads. Their true artistry conveys great chapters in our natural history; summoning laughter like great wizards. Their highly energetic performances elicit enthusiastic responses from both children and adults. Their program is not to be missed!



- 8PM** Informal Social Time (Londia Lounge)

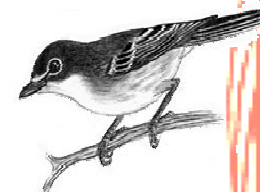
Saturday, October 1

- 7AM-1130AM** Kayak Birding the Gene Stratton Porter Historic Site (Inn Main Lobby)

Join us for a unique birding experience along the banks of one of Indiana's literary history. Learn some of the history of the Gene Stratton Porter Historic Site with Site Property Manager Dave Fox and Wild Birds Unlimited Chief Naturalist John Schaust while birding the special land that she helped to preserve and write about. Space is limited; additional program fee of \$5.00/person required during registration.

- 7AM-1130AM** Steuben County and Pigeon River Birding Tour (Londia Lounge)

Explore the forests, wetlands, lakes, and prairies in the land of 100 lakes! With the help of Jim Haw and Rob Ripma, carpool to some of far NE Indiana's birding hotspots for a wide diversity of bird species this time of year. Boots and hunter orange recommended for Pigeon River.



- 8AM-11AM** Pokagon State Park Birding Tour (Inn Sun Deck)

Pokagon is a treasure trove of northern habitats packed into one of Indiana's smaller state parks. Join IAS Vice President and former Pokagon park naturalist, Brad Bumgardner, for a peak at some of the better fall birding locations in the park. We'll be searching out late fall warblers and the incoming sparrows. Moderate hiking involved (~3mi).

- 12PM** Lunch (on your own)
2PM-3PM Of Birds and Murder: The Life of Nathan Leopold (Crooked Lake Rm)

Delve into the murder mystery of the Chicago Region. Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb committed what they thought was the perfect crime in 1924. The young boys body was hidden in NW Indiana, at one of Leopold's known birding locations. Joel Greenberg will bring one of the first "trials of the century" to life this afternoon.

- 3PM-4PM** Using Weather Radar to Determine Migration Hotspots (Crooked Lake Rm)

Michigan is using weather radar and GIS to determine migration concentrations for wind farm placements and reduced bird mortality. Ed Schools will highlight some initial research that shows promise for other applications, such as for large scale determination of bird migration hotspots.



Saturday, October 1 (Cont'd)

**4PM-5PM Success in Youth Birding Clubs
(Crooked Lake Rm)**

The Ohio Young Birders Club is one of the finest examples of youth birding clubs in the nation. Kim Kaufman will highlight the successes (and failures) to making a great youth birding club work. Information will also be available about the Indiana Young Birders Club.

**6PM-9PM Keynote Dinner with Kenn Kaufman,
Membership Meeting, and Silent
Auction (Snow Lake Rm)**

Enjoy an enchanting evening with one of the premier birding guides and authors in the US! Kenn Kaufman will speak to the current and next generation of IAS birders. The night also includes the annual silent auction, with proceeds benefiting the Mumford and Keller Scholarship and Grant Program.



**930PM-11PM Informal Social Time and Optional
Pokagon Owl Excursion (Lonidaw
Lounge)**

Sunday, October 2

**730AM-930AM Pokagon State Park Birding Tour II
(Inn Sun Deck)**

For over 30 years, visitors have joined park naturalist Fred Wooley for his weekly Sunday morning birding stroll. This morning, join Fred and John Schaust for their traditional Sunday birding excursion.



8AM-10AM

**Birding Wing Haven Nature Preserve
(Inn Main Lobby)**

This ACRES property is rich in birding history, including the first verified re-nesting of Sandhill Cranes in Indiana, back in the 1980s. Brad Bumgardner and Rob Ripma will tour folks through the prairies and wooded ravines of this amazing property. We'll also explore the history of this one of a kind property. Carpool distance 2 miles.



1030AM-1130AM Lights out Indy (Crooked Lake Rm)

In less than 2 years, birders have noted nearly 1,000 dead birds in downtown Indianapolis. Learn about the Lights Out Indy program, an initiative by the Amos Butler Audubon Society, and their mission of saving migratory birds in Indiana. Program by Amos Butler Audubon President Don Gorney.

**1130AM-12PM Author Book Signing with Kenn
Kaufman and Joel Greenberg
(Crooked Lake Rm)**

Finish up a fun weekend with a send off by two birding legends! Kenn and Joel will be available to sign any books you may have.

12PM-1PM

Lunch (on your own before you go)

Watch for the participant
ribbons! Meet a life
member this weekend!



Your Presenters!

Foster Brown

Foster has been a historical interpreter and manager with the Cleveland Metroparks since 1996. His passion for music can be heard in many of his award winning albums. To listen, visit www.fosterbrown.net.

Brad Bumgardner

Brad is the interpretive naturalist at Indiana Dunes State Park. He graduated from Purdue University with a BS in Natural Resources. He is also the Vice-President of the Indiana Audubon Society and chairs the Indiana Bird Records Committee.

Dave Fox

Dave Fox has had a life-long interest in birding, but since becoming the Natural History Section Manager for the State Historic Sites and serving as Property Manager for the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site, his interest level has soared!

Joel Greenberg

Joel Greenberg has over 25 years experience working on natural resource related issues in the Chicago area, and is an acknowledged authority on the region's natural history. Currently he is a Research Associate at both the Chicago Academy of Sciences and the Field Museum. Greenberg has JD and MA (environmental policy) degrees from Washington University and is a retired member of the Illinois Bar.

Don Gorney

Don is currently serving as president of central Indiana's Amos W. Butler Audubon. In addition to his role as president, Don serves as project director for both Lights Out Indy and Wings Over Indy for Amos W. Butler Audubon. Don has been an extremely active birder for almost 20 years and has 359 species on his Indiana list.

Jim Haw

Born in Missouri, Jim Haw is a retired professor of history at IPFW. He has been birding for more than 50 years, and has birded northeastern Indiana since 1972.

Kenn and Kim Kaufman

Both Kenn, and his wife Kim, have devoted their lives to bird conservation. Kenn is well known as one of the world's most renowned birding experts, and Kim is Executive Director of the Black Swamp Bird Observatory in Ohio.

Rob Ripma

Rob is the current Treasurer of Indiana Audubon Society and has been birding for many years. He maintains a fast growing bird blog and associated birding website, reaching more than 7,700 unique visitors. He lives in Carmel with his wife Stephanie and currently works at Wild Birds Unlimited.

John Schaust

As Chief Naturalist for Wild Birds Unlimited, Inc., John is responsible for helping to fulfill its mission of bringing people and nature together. He supports over 275 WBU stores in encouraging their customers to be active backyard bird watchers and knowledgeable stewards of the environment.

Ed Schools

Ed is a Senior Conservation Scientist with the Michigan Natural Features Inventory, a program of the Michigan State University Extension. He holds a BS in Physics from Indiana University and a MS in Environmental Science (ecology) from the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

Mark Szabo

Mark is a naturalist and historian for the Stony Creek Metropark Nature Center in Ohio. He can often be seen teaming up with Foster Brown to produce some great sounds.

Fred Wooley

Fred has been the interpreter at Pokagon State Park since 1980. With degrees in zoology and environmental education, Fred has been active in his profession of natural and cultural history interpretation and volunteers with local land trusts and resource management projects.

Your Board of Directors!

Amy Wilms- President
Brad Bumgardner- Vice President
Rob Ripma- Treasurer
Stephanie Ripma- Secretary
Chad Williams- Executive Committee
Alan Bruner- Immediate Past President
Serrin Anderson Chuck Mills
Ted Meyer Steve Doud
Kathryn Henman Holly Meyers
Allen King Bill Cummings





IAS Fall Festival Bird Checklist Pokagon State Park 2011

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe | <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo | <input type="checkbox"/> Blk-throated Blue Warbler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horned Grebe | <input type="checkbox"/> Sora | <input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed Vireo | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant | <input type="checkbox"/> American Coot | <input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo | <input type="checkbox"/> Blk-throated Green |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Bittern | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandhill Crane | <input type="checkbox"/> Philadelphia Vireo | Warbler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron | <input type="checkbox"/> Semipalmated Plover | <input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo | <input type="checkbox"/> Blackburnian Warbler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret | <input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer | <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay | <input type="checkbox"/> Pine Warbler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron | <input type="checkbox"/> Greater Yellowlegs | <input type="checkbox"/> American Crow | <input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture | <input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Yellowlegs | <input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark | <input type="checkbox"/> Bay-breasted Warbler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snow Goose | <input type="checkbox"/> Solitary Sandpiper | <input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin | <input type="checkbox"/> Blackpoll Warbler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose | <input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Sandpiper | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow | <input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-White Warbler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mute Swan | <input type="checkbox"/> Dunlin | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged | <input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tundra Swan | <input type="checkbox"/> Short-billed Dowitcher | Swallow | <input type="checkbox"/> Prothonotary Warbler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck | <input type="checkbox"/> Long-billed Dowitcher | <input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow | <input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gadwall | <input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe | <input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Wigeon | <input type="checkbox"/> Franklin's Gull | <input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow | <input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Black Duck | <input type="checkbox"/> Bonaparte's Gull | <input type="checkbox"/> Tufted Titmouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mallard | <input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull | <input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch | <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Towhee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal | <input type="checkbox"/> Herring Gull | <input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch | <input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shoveler | <input type="checkbox"/> Caspian Tern | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Pintail | <input type="checkbox"/> Common Tern | <input type="checkbox"/> Carolina Wren | <input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green-winged Teal | <input type="checkbox"/> Forster's Tern | <input type="checkbox"/> House Wren | <input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canvasback | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren | <input type="checkbox"/> Grasshopper Sparrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Redhead | <input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove | <input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren | <input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Greater Scaup | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed Cuckoo | <input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet | <input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Scaup | <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Screech-Owl | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet | <input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bufflehead | <input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl | <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird | <input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Goldeneye | <input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl | <input type="checkbox"/> Veery | <input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Merganser | <input type="checkbox"/> Short-eared Owl | <input type="checkbox"/> Gray-cheeked Thrush | <input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Merganser | <input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift | <input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruddy Duck | <input type="checkbox"/> R-T Hummingbird | <input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush | <input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher | <input type="checkbox"/> Rusty Blackbird |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk | <input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker | <input type="checkbox"/> European Starling | <input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-shouldered Hawk | <input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker | <input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler | <input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel | <input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker | <input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler | <input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merlin | <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee | <input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler | <input type="checkbox"/> House Finch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peregrine Falcon | <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe | <input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler | <input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Pheasant | <input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher | <input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler | <input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey | <input type="checkbox"/> White-eyed Vireo | <input type="checkbox"/> Cape May Warbler | <input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow |

